

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>In re Application of:</b>	James W. Morrow <i>et al.</i>	<b>Examiner:</b>	Patel, Niketa I.
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<b>Title:</b>	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING REAL TIME CONTROL OF PERIPHERAL DEVICES		<b>Customer No.</b> 30076

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This is responsive to the final Office Action of April 18, 2006, and is timely filed with a one-month extension of time.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application. In the present Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-20, 22-27, and 29-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nair (USPN 6,675,226). Claims 5, 21 and 28 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Nair (USPN 6,675,226) and further in view of Microsoft Computer Dictionary, page 543.

No claims have been amended. No claims have been added or deleted. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.